

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-13, 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (U.S. Patent No. 5,090,613)(previously cited) in view of Kurokuzuhara (JP 63-271845)(previously cited); claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; and claim 16 was allowed.

Claims 1, 7 and 15 have been amended. Claims 2, 8 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 7 and 15 have been amended to recite some of the allowable subject matter of allowed claim 16, as mentioned by the Examiner on page 4 of the Office Action.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 10-13, 15 and 16 are currently pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

For example, claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein each of the vanes is plated with a brazing material, having a plating depth of about 2.25 μ m to 8 μ m, to be brazed to one or more of the anode cylinder, of the one or more strap rings and of the antenna, and **the brazing material is plated on only joint portions of each of the vanes** to which the anode cylinder, the one or more strap rings and the antenna are brazed".

Thus, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

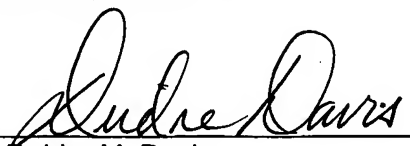
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

Date: 6/13/2006

By: 
Deidre M. Davis
Registration No. 52,797

1201 New York Avenue, NW, 7th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005
Telephone: (202) 434-1500
Facsimile: (202) 434-1501